

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 12 on page 1 with the following paragraph:

This invention is related to commonly-assigned patent applications: “Shared Communications Channel Access In an Overlapping Coverage Environment”, filed September 28, 2001, serial number[[_____]] 09/966,393, ~~attorney docket number TI-32700~~, and “Adaptive Algorithms for Optimal Control of Contention Access”, filed September 28, 2001, serial number 09/966,635 [[_____,]] ~~attorney docket number TI-32377~~. These applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.